

Six Trapped In Coal Mine

Four Men Killed In West Virginia

MADISON, W. VA., May 28 (AP) — A rumbling slate fall trapped six men Wednesday in a southern West Virginia coal mine. State Mines Chief Crawford L. Wilson said four were presumed dead.

The accident happened at the Wharton No. 2 mine at Barrett, 25 miles southeast of here and about 45 miles south of Charleston. It is operated by Eastern Gas and Fuel Associates.

One man, Pat Jarrell of Barrett, was brought out of the mine about 3:30 p.m. He was not seriously injured. The other survivor, Holly Drennen of Barrett, was injured and had not yet been brought out of the mine. Wilson said his injuries were not known.

Digging Started

Rescue workers began digging toward the trapped men but Wilson said it might take several hours to reach them. The mines chief said the fall was about 36 inches thick and 100 feet long.

Some 200 men were working in the mine when the accident happened about 1 p.m. But only six were in the section where the fall occurred. The Wharton No. 2 mine employs 450.

Wilson identified the four men presumed dead as Section Foreman William Bain of Bim; James Stone and Harry Hartman, both of Uneeda, and Cecil Brown of Barrett.